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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	75	7-13	15
Golan	75	7-13	15
Nahariya	75	7-13	15
Safed	75	7-13	15
Haifa Port	75	7-13	15
Tiberias	75	7-13	15
Nazareth	75	7-13	15
Afula	75	7-13	15
Shomron	75	7-13	15
Tel Aviv	75	7-13	15
Eilat	75	7-13	15
Jericho	75	7-13	15
Gaza	75	7-13	15
Beer Sheva	75	7-13	15
Eilat	75	7-13	15
Tiran Strait	75	7-13	15

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Prof. Shlomo Brenzits has succeeded Prof. Gavriel Warburg as rector of Haifa University for the next three years.

The talk by Leonard Rose which was to have taken place on Tuesday afternoon at the Jerusalem Music Centre has been cancelled.

A celebration was held on Australia National Day at the Daniel Tower Hotel, Herzliya.

"Before Women's Lib - Henrietta Sack" will be discussed this evening at the Hebrew University Forum by Shulamit Nardi, assistant to President Katzir, and Rachel Swartz. The meeting will take place at 8 o'clock at the United Synagogue Center, 2 Agmon, Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

Deputy Knesset Speaker Moshe Shaleh, Knesset Clerk Netanel Lorch, and Yosef Tamir MK, from the Council of Europe session in Strasbourg.

Jewish Agency treasurer Arye Dulsin, from a fund-raising mission in Canada.

Uzan named to dayanim committee

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Aharon Uzan, the Minister of Agriculture, was named by the Cabinet yesterday to the appointments committee for religious court judges (dayanim).

Hitherto the two ministers on this committee were Haim Zadok in his capacity as Minister of Justice, and Yitzhak Rabin in his capacity as Minister of Religious Affairs. Now that Zadok holds the Justice and Religious Affairs portfolios together, a new minister had to be found. Uzan was chosen, presumably, because of his links with the Sephardi communities (he hails from Tunis).

No symposium

HAIFA. — "No symposium was held at the Technion on Saturday. The campus is closed on the Sabbath for all regular activities, except for services at the campus synagogue," a Technion spokesman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The Post had yesterday reported that the visiting Israel Bonds delegation had attended a symposium on energy problems at the Technion on Saturday. In fact the symposium was held on Thursday, and the delegates left Haifa on Friday morning. They were in Jerusalem on Saturday.

A BRITISH trade union delegation has arrived in Israel on a week's visit as guests of the Histadrut. The visitors will study methods of running union-owned industries on a national scale.

On the eleventh anniversary of the death of our beloved son

YITZHAK SHOHET יצחק שוחט

we will hold a memorial meeting at his grave at the Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery on Thursday, February 3, 1977, at 11 a.m.

THE BEREAVED FAMILY

On the thirtieth day after the death of our dear

MARGARETE HEIN

a memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone will take place on Wednesday, February 3, 1977, at 3.00 p.m. We will meet at the gate of the Old Cemetery, Hof Hacarmel.

The Family

With deep sorrow, we announce the death of our dear friend

MARGARETE BRANDT

In loving memory
Her friends

The Housing Ministry

The Avraham Ofer Family

The unveiling of the tombstone on the 30th day after the death of the Minister of Housing

AVRAHAM OFER אברהם אפר

will be held on Thursday, February 3, 1977, at 2.30 p.m. at the Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery, Tel Aviv. Those who cherish his memory are invited to attend.

Tel Aviv University Medical Faculty honours the memory of

MIRIAM LIFSCHITZ

who died on January 25, 1977. She bequeathed her body to science.

Israel behind U.S. move to develop 'smart bombs'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Israel has pressured the U.S. to develop "smart weapons" in order to improve the ability of U.S. arms to fight sophisticated Soviet arms, according to an article in yesterday's "Washington Post."

The article says Israel played a major role in convincing the Americans to produce a new kind of artillery shell, the Copperhead. It claims that since the Yom Kippur War Israel has been pressing the U.S. to increase shipments of "smart bombs" — target-seeking missiles — and has rapidly been developing its own.

The article also says Israel has created special units to handle the new kind of weapons and changed its strategy to suit the more sophisticated arms. (Smart weapons) appear to favour the defence, which knows its own terrain, does not have to move and can have stocks of the weapons hidden in place.

"Smart weapons" are bombs, missiles, shells and torpedoes that can hit their targets at least half the time — if the weapons can see the targets or sense them. They are known as "precision-guided munitions."

According to the article, a year after the October war the Soviet Union held a major military conference attended by more than 200 senior generals. Communist Party officials and scientists to discuss the lessons of the war.

Three months later, in February 1975, a follow-up conference was held at which Soviet Defence Minister Marshal Grechko called for a great debate on the future of the tank and of anti-tank weapons systems. Soviet tank general A. Bondarenko has said he fears "large unwanted casualties in material and personnel."

There is also a debate in the U.S. armed forces on the use and importance of smart bombs in the future. According to the "Washington Post"

Armed youth robs petrol station, gets IL75,000

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A youth of about 17 made his way past 12 people to rob a gas station of nearly IL75,000 yesterday morning. The robbery took place at the Fiat station at 148 Derech Petah Tikva.

The robber, who was masked and carrying a pistol, locked bookkeeper Esther Citron in an upstairs room and then rifled the safe. Most of the money he took was in cash.

The bookkeeper later escaped from the room and alerted station owner Gideon Barzilai. Barzilai called the police, who later arrested a young man who was driving a car at the station. He is still being questioned.

According to one police source, the



ROTARY ON WHEELS. — The president of Rotary International, Robert A. Manchester of Youngstown, Ohio (foreground), and Shlomo Grefman, governor of the Israel district, learn traffic rules together with pupils near the Herzliya police station. Mr. and Mrs. Manchester met President Katzir yesterday and visited the Knesset as part of their four-day visit. (Isaac Freidlin)

Labour bid to persuade Amit

(Continued from page one)

"Unless there is such a change Labour is due for an electoral defeat which will seriously endanger political stability in Israel and put in question the country's capability to cope... with the main national goal." The DMC is incapable of filling Labour's place, they argued.

Amit's move highlighted long-

standing grass-roots discontent among party members. His threatened departure, even if it does not materialise, may serve as the "shock treatment" to force changes in Labour, observers believed.

Prime Minister Rabin may find it difficult to oust Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and other key party figures who are considered part of the old system but are his important backers. However, it may help Peres, who has been arguing that Labour is in for a severe defeat — unless fundamental changes are introduced.

If Amit joins the DMC, he may be followed by Aluf (res.) Avraham Botzer, former navy commander and now head of the Eilat-Ashkelon Oil Pipeline Company, Yitzhak Rahav, deputy director of the Ports Authority, David Golomb, a former Labour MK and now head of the finance and planning division in Koor, and by Aluf (res.) Zvi Zamir, who headed the security services.

Zamir, who was taken aback by the wide-spread media coverage accorded to this development told The Jerusalem Post last night: "There is much about nothing... when I reach a decision, I'll say so. I don't belong to any group and we're not staging demonstrations. You'll know in time."

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Meir Talmi, Naftali Feder and Meir Ya'ari (head in hands) on the dais at the Mapam convention yesterday. (Hanoach Gutman)

Bat Yam mayor dismissed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BAT YAM. — At a tense but restrained meeting of the city council last night, Bat Yam's mayor, Yitzhak Walker, was dismissed.

The decision to depose Walker was taken by a majority of 13 votes to seven, with two abstentions. Nine of the 10 Alignment council members voted to dismiss the mayor, and they were supported by three former members of Walker's Likud faction, who recently split from it to form an independent municipal list.

Two NR representatives, who had served in Walker's coalition city administration, abstained.

The proposal to depose Walker was made by Alignment faction leader Haim Oshri, who called for an immediate investigation of Bat Yam Municipality's financial and administrative situation.

In a speech opposing the move to sack him, Walker pointed to the achievements of his administration in the fields of transport, roads, education and health. He said the situation he found himself in would not have arisen if it had not been for the "Kalanterism" of the three former Likud members who had split from the ruling coalition. He would use the time between now and the elections to win the support of a majority of the town's residents, he said.

A few hundred Likud supporters demonstrated against Walker's ouster outside the meeting. (Idim)

Soviet conductor Barshai arrives

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Soviet conductor Rudolf Barshai, founder of the Moscow Chamber Orchestra, arrived here yesterday as an immigrant.

He told reporters he had been offered the job of musical director of the Israel Chamber Ensemble and hoped suitable arrangements could be made.

The 52-year-old Barshai, one of the Soviet Union's leading interpreters of Mozart, emigrated from Russia earlier this month and has been staying in Vienna and London.

He founded the Moscow Chamber Orchestra in 1985 and made it one of the world's leading chamber groups. He said he left the Soviet Union because he could no longer tolerate the way in which he was treated by Soviet musical authorities.

"I am very happy to be here in Israel, to be back in the historic land of my people," Barshai said.

Rushing from the airport to make the Israel Philharmonic's 40th anniversary concert, Barshai added, "I want to hear 'Hatikva'." (Idim)

Noted Mexican Jewish writer dies at 69

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Seven thousand tax workers stayed at work yesterday morning, after a last-minute court action ordered them not to walk off their jobs.

Several dozen customs officials had earlier refused to strike "in recognition of the national importance of their work."

In an interview yesterday, staff committee chairman Yosef Silberman said that the men who threatened to strike could be forced to return to their offices but not necessarily to their duties.

"It's natural that they would want to air their grievances among themselves. And when they talk they can't work," he said, suggesting that a go-slow might be in the offing despite the court orders.

The revenue collectors are demanding their own trade union. At present they are part of the Civil Servants Union.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Mechel told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that he

believes in "decentralization" and that he had ordered the establishment of a special committee with a view to changing the structure of the Union of Civil Servants into a loose federation.

At Haifa Port the customs employees turned up for work but worked at a reduced pace, accomplishing only a fraction of their usual output. Every decision was referred to the Customs Collector for a ruling. However, the employees dealt with vital cargoes at their usual speed.

Several hundred biochemists and microbiologists also remained on the job yesterday (in spite of an earlier strike threat) after initialling an agreement with representatives of their employers at dawn Friday. The secretary-general of the biochemists union, Moshe Waldman, said that both sides had agreed to update the workers' pay and revise their wage structures as well as accelerate their advancement.

Each worker got an average IL800 on account of the pay hikes due to them.

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First Int'l Bank waived fee for Israel Corp.

By GIDION ESHEET, Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter

The foreign exchange department in the Treasury has decided not to charge the First International Bank with violations in connection with transactions done on behalf of the Israel Corporation.

The recent State Comptroller's report on the Israel Corporation states that First International (then called the Foreign Trade Bank), through its manager David Golan, decided to waive \$48,000 in commissions due for mediating between a group of investors and the IC.

According to the foreign exchange regulations, waiving the right to receive foreign currency requires Treasury approval. First International never asked for nor received such permission and therefore technically violated the law.

However, a special investigator appointed by the Treasury who worked together with the police decided not to charge the bank, because waiving the claim was part of the ordinary business of the bank. Furthermore, the bank's manager, David Golan, had no idea where the \$48,000 went.

In fact the money went into a

Vaduz company called Societe Gerance. This was stated in the IC prospectus published in 1974 in South Africa.

Reliable sources told The Jerusalem Post that Golan, in answer to questions put to him by investigators, said he knew that part of the \$48,000 he waived went back to the German investors to cover costs and to subsidise interest. Golan said this was told to him by Michael Tsaur. (Apparently the Vaduz firm Societe Gerance is connected with the German group.)

While a distinction can be drawn between waiving a payment which is returned to the client and waiving a fee which reverts to someone else (in this case, the German investors), it is unlikely that the matter will be further investigated. This is in order not to create an unfavourable atmosphere for foreign investment in Israel.

The Knesset State Control Committee will meet today to discuss the report on the Israel Corporation. Representatives of the IC and the State Comptroller will attend.

European radio hams hunt for missing Rehovot girl

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Europe's amateur radio operators are cooperating in a hunt for a missing 17-year-old girl from Rehovot whose father was thought to be buried with a skeleton in a sleeping bag found in a lime pit in Marbella, Spain, on December 29.

Aliza Kahn, who left Israel for Europe on August 16, flew to Athens and travelled through Greece, Yugoslavia and Italy, sending postcards from time to time to her mother, who is a computer operator at the Volcan Institute in Rehovot.

She spent Yom Kippur with the family of the honorary Israel consul in Gibraltar, from where she telephoned her grandmother, unable to get any help from them. In Rome Holmann of Newcastle, England, asking for a plane ticket to Britain.

On October 6 Aliza was seen leaving Gibraltar aboard a private yacht, which arrived two days later in the Spanish port of Marbella. Her arrival there is recorded in official Spanish documents. This is the last trace of her alive.

When Aliza's mother learned of the discovery of the skeleton in Marbella last Wednesday, she tried to contact the Spanish police but was unable to get any help from them. But amateur radio operator Silvio Cherniak, a Bat Yam dentist, heard of her plight and sent out a call for help.

It was picked up in Malaga, Spain, by an operator called Henry Alufas, thought to be a retired police officer, who offered to make personal inquiries.

The skeleton, which was at first described as that of a person who

had been 1.70 metres tall — the same height as Aliza — was then taken to Seville for an inquest. From there it was learned that the actual height of the deceased was thought to be nearer 1.50 metres.

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15 years for Park Hotel arsonists

TEL AVIV. — Two men convicted setting fire to the Park Hotel Netanya last March were sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment by the Aviv District Court yesterday. The people were killed and 40 injured in the blaze.

Mordechai ("Muki") Azzar and Moshe Kahalon, both aged 21, accused of murder; but the judge panel decided to convict only of manslaughter and since they said it was not clear the two knew the likely consequences of the fire they set.

The prosecution plans to appeal the sentences, on the grounds even if the murder charge is thrown down the two deserve the maximum sentence for manslaughter years in jail.

The prosecutor said that on the two months before the Shimon Soffer, who is also a trial, had repeatedly asked Azzar and Kahalon to set fire to the hotel March 17 the two took control with 40 litres of petrol to a damaged cinema near the hotel, tried to enter the hotel that night. On the night of March 17, Azzar and Kahalon waited until 4 a.m., broke into the hotel's grounds and poured the petrol on the cars. They then walked out of the club and threw a match through a window onto the petrol-soaked carpets.

Azzar testified as a defence witness on his own behalf. After judges said they did not believe his testimony, Kahalon acted on the advice of his attorney and did not testify.

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Telephone, postal rates going up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

International telephone, telegraph and telex charges rise by 5.95 per cent tomorrow morning, the Communications Ministry announced yesterday.

The increases were set to compensate for currency value changes the past quarter, according to the Ministry.

International postal fees — which have not been increased for a long period — will go up by 11.7 per cent. This means an airmailgram, at IL1.70, will cost IL1.90. An airmail letter of up to 10 grams to the U.S. will go up from IL2.70 to IL2.85 and to Europe, from IL1.80 to IL2.

The Communications Ministry also announced that 13 more countries may now be dialled direct by telex communications, without need of first dialling the overseas telex operator. The countries are Uganda, Indonesia, the Bahamas, Guam, Haiti, Tanzania, Trinidad, Tobago, Togo, Liberia, the Marianne Islands, Swaziland, Sri Lanka and Kenya.

The new additions bring to 94 the number of countries that can be telex-dialled directly from Israel.

Married despite the rabbinate

YOKNEAM. — After a three-year tussle with the rabbinate, Margalit Levy yesterday married her husband, Shimon Sharon, in a private ceremony without a rabbi.

Shimon Sharon performed a ceremony which was held in the couple's home in Yokneam under a tablecloth supported by poles. But it appears as if they had not ended their long history of trouble with the rabbinate.

Margalit Levy was divorced from her former husband in 1973 in order to marry Shimon. But the rabbinate — acting on a request by Shimon's former wife — declared her still hidden to her husband and her love since she had had an adulterous relationship with Shimon before she divorced.

The couple now plan to ask the rabbinate to register their marriage.

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15 years in Park Hotel arsonists Meshel, Rabinowitz favour price freeze

By ZEEV SCHUL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Moshe Rabinowitz favours a five-month total price freeze, by Knesset member Meshel, to go into effect immediately.

The proposal was made to him only by the secretary-general of the Manufacturers Association, Abraham Shavit, to the effect that Meshel was attempting to renege all labour contracts.

"That is simply untrue," he said. "But to enable us to adhere to the labour contracts, inflation will have to be stopped first."

"All this cannot be achieved without resorting to some form of drastic action. I favour direct government intervention. We do not need the employers' approval for this sort of thing, and I do not know of any country where such measures were resorted to by means other than direct parliamentary intervention."

Meshel recalled that Likud MK David Levi had suggested that the price-freeze deal would amount to little more than an election stunt and that it would cover only that period.

"My answer to him is that a year would be fine," Meshel said.

Arabic TV programmes be reorganized

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Arabic TV programmes will be reorganized, following a decision last night by the Broadcasting Authority's board of directors.

The board decided five to postpone one Arabic programme, and to appoint a committee that will recommend changes in the structure of Arabic TV.

International television director, Yusef Bar-El, described problems plaguing the network: only 80 minutes of air time per day, and an inconvenient time slot for the evening.

The board also approved the establishment of a prize in memory of period — will go to Givon, a former director.

This means an award of the authority, which will be IL2.70, will be awarded along with the letter of up to 10 other annual prizes. Two will go up to 10 other annual prizes. Two will go up to 10 other annual prizes.

Married the rabbi

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Group lobbies to block Flatto's extradition

Jerusalem Post Reporter

There is mounting pressure on the Justice Ministry not to extradite Daniel Flatto (Sharon), an Israeli, to the United States, where he is wanted for extradition.

The Justice Ministry spokesman said last night that Flatto had not yet received the extradition request, which was handed over by a French consular official to the Foreign Ministry on Friday. The spokesman said the document still has to be translated.

The Justice Minister has two opportunities to rule on the extradition. He must first decide whether or not to ask the District Court to rule that Flatto may be extradited as requested. After the court rules, the ministry must decide whether or not to take action.

Mrs. Basillan said the movement is not so much on behalf of Flatto, whom she says she does not know, as of protest against Franco. She said Franco culminated a series of unfriendly acts by setting free Abu Daoud, suspected mastermind of the Munich massacre of Israeli athletes.

Among those sending letters of support, she said, was Rachel Yanait Ben-Zvi, widow of the second President.

Flatto's lawyer, Yitzhak Tulk, said yesterday that he expects the Justice Ministry to study the extradition request for a few weeks before taking any action.

Tulk also indicated that the Foreign Ministry was not bound to hand over the request to the Justice Ministry. He was apparently referring to Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's statement that France had broken the extradition treaty when it freed terrorist Abu Daoud.



Bond leaders light candles in Zedekiah's Cave yesterday to commemorate the 18th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

Kollek tells Bond leaders: Reunited Capital not in our pockets yet

By JUDY SEGEL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Adding a sombre word of caution to the first event celebrating a decade since the liberation of Jerusalem, Mayor Teddy Kollek stated yesterday that "a reunited capital is not in our pockets yet."

No one in the world — except for Jewish Jerusalem — recognizes the whole of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, the mayor said, his voice echoing through the cavernous Zedekiah's Cave near Damascus Gate. He was addressing 250 American and Canadian members of the 1977 Prime Minister's Israel Bond Conference.

"Even our best friends — your own governments — have refused to recognize what we are trying to make a fact," he added.

Kollek noted that former U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Trown, although a close personal friend of his, refused to confer with the mayor of Jerusalem officially, and rented a "secret home" in the city because the U.S. recognizes Tel Aviv as the capital.

Mayor Kollek warned that "too little is being done to make use of the city we have until the crunch comes. Don't believe that the world will allow us to stay here as we are today without challenge." Nevertheless, he continued, the city has done "tremendous things" and absorbed 120,000 more Jews over the past 10 years.

Uri Narkiss, who was the commander of the troops who captured the Old City, recounted for the audience the events of the first few days after the Six Day War broke out.

"The city — from which I was driven — was taken by the army, and where the High Priest once purified himself before entering the Holy of Holies — was suddenly illuminated with the fire of 10 large candles. They were kindled by a long-time resident of the Jewish Quarter, a former Prisoner of Zion, a paratrooper who helped liberate the Old City and a fourth-grader who was born on the second day of the Six Day War, as well as by Bond leaders from abroad. Singing 'Hatikva,' the audience lit blue and white tapers and filed out through a dark stone corridor to the mouth of the cave.

The ceremony was the third in the day to commemorate the reuniting of the city. Earlier, at the Western Wall, Chief Army Chaplain Mordechai Piron recited psalms and the chief chaplaincy cantor intoned "El Molei Rahomim" in memory of the fallen in war, the Holocaust and pogroms.

Several rabbis among the group, representing 3,000 colleagues in North America, pledged themselves to arrange "appropriate functions" in honour of reuniting Jerusalem at their synagogues between Independence Day (April 21) and Jerusalem Day (May 16).

Batel Mahaseh Square — splendidly reconstructed in the heart of the Jewish Quarter — was named "United Jerusalem Square" for a week at a dedication ceremony in the morning. As dozens posed for pictures under the unveiled sign, representatives of yeshivot and other institutions in the neighbourhood mingled among the wealthy visitors from America.

Kupat Holim report scores MDs' absences, easy loans

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Kupat Holim doctors apparently like to play hooky, too. Up to half of them were "absent without leave" from advanced training courses they were supposed to attend and for which they were relieved of their normal clinic duties (at full pay) one day a week.

Kupat Holim Comptroller Shlomo Stanger, whose 200-page annual report was released for publication yesterday, criticizes the poor standard of the attendance records. The 1974/75 rolls were worse than those of earlier years.

The comptroller scores insufficient control of funds for the financing of post graduate courses and research work and suggests that, in the future, research funds be incorporated into departmental budgets.

Stanger also has some serious thoughts on overseas travel procedures and suggests that all sick fund personnel sent abroad with the assistance of the fund — even if only for research or advanced training — should first pass the scrutiny of a special committee.

The comptroller is also critical of the sale of used Kupat Holim cars to staffers and underlines that all such sales should be in keeping with the procedures laid down by the Histadrut comptroller. The comptroller "views with gravity" the disregard of these guidelines.

Also criticized are loans too freely obtained by sick fund employees. Some personnel were able to obtain two loans instead of being limited to one as is the rule. Unlinked loans from IL2,000 to IL200,000, repayable over a period of up to 20 years at interest ranging from six to 18 per cent, were also reported.

The comptroller was particularly concerned by large loans granted to a number of senior sick fund personnel.

Universities working harder to coordinate activities

By MOSHE KOHN, Jerusalem Post Education Reporter

Necessity, mother of invention, has given birth to 10 inter-university subcommittees which task it is "to intensify the process of academic, fiscal and managerial coordination" that Israel's universities jointly launched when, several years ago, they realised that their separate purses could no longer stand the separate strains.

Sire and stern patron of the intensified coordination programme is the Higher Education Council's Planning and Budgeting Committee, which yesterday submitted its 1976 report to Education and Culture Minister Aharon Yarlin.

The subcommittees, manned by about 100 academic and non-academic members, are statistics, budgetary criteria, education facilities, input index, nuclear engineering, computers and heavy equipment, applied and industrial research, social work facilities, libraries, bookkeeping and accounting.

The budgetary criteria and input index subcommittees have already submitted interim reports.

The parent committee also submitted to the Minister recommendations.

The hiring of Soviet Jewish dropouts by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, which helps dropouts in Vienna. Narkiss stated that the presence of such persons in Jewish Agency and WZO aliyah offices has a detrimental effect on aliyah.

Aliya Dept. won't hire emigrants

Jerusalem Post Reporter

As order to dismiss Israeli emigrants and their spouses and children from jobs in the offices of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organisation aliyah department around the world has been given by its director, Uri Narkiss.

Narkiss ordered that all persons be dismissed by September 1 and that no one who has left Israel permanently be hired by the offices.

Narkiss has also protested against the hiring of Soviet Jewish dropouts by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, which helps dropouts in Vienna. Narkiss stated that the presence of such persons in Jewish Agency and WZO aliyah offices has a detrimental effect on aliyah.

Snipers, combat units readied by Civil Guard

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Civil Guard has been training snipers over the past year, a spokesman said yesterday.

The sniper units can mobilize within minutes to be among the first on the scene of a terrorist attack. The snipers practice three times a week at local shooting ranges. There are such units in Petah Tikva and Ramat Gan, but none so far in Tel Aviv itself, the spokesman said.

Equally prepared for action are Civil Guard stand-by units in each neighbourhood. In the Tel Aviv area, for example, approximately 400 men are organized into such units.

Unlike other Civil Guard members, those on stand-by are allowed to keep their carbines at home. Most of the members of these units are former veterans of IDF combat units.

Like the snipers, the men in the stand-by units can be mobilized within minutes. Their purpose is to close off from the public the area into which terrorists may have infiltrated and to keep the terrorists confined to that area.

Throughout the Tel Aviv Police District — stretching from Herzliya in the north to Haifa Bay in the south — there are about 35,000 regular Civil Guard volunteers. Operating out of 129 stations, the volunteers provide the area with a nightly patrol guard of 1,200, all armed with carbines; and, for those assigned to patrolling the coastline, hand radios.

Considering that there are only about 2,000 policemen in the Tel Aviv district — a substantial number of whom are clerks and administrative personnel — the presence of 1,200 armed individuals has made the Civil Guard an important factor in controlling crime, the spokesman said.

Throughout the country today there are about 120,000 volunteers registered with the Civil Guard. Of this number, only about 90,000 are fully active, meaning that in some places the members can only guard until 2 a.m. rather than until dawn.

The volunteers are coordinated by a staff of 1,200, of whom 800 receive either full or half salaries. Salaries amount for 63 per cent of the Civil Guard's IL49.4m. yearly budget.

The spokesman said that it was virtually impossible to run an organization as large as the Civil Guard without salaried personnel. Indeed, it had been found extremely difficult to find suitable commanders.

Since the organization's first year, 1974, some 600 commanders have fallen by the wayside because they couldn't fulfil their job, he said.

Inscription to Hadrian found at Tirat Zvi

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH, Jerusalem Post Reporter.

The remains of a monumental stone inscription to Hadrian, the Roman emperor who laid Jerusalem waste in the Second Century, have been found beneath the farmland of Kibbutz Tirat Zvi in the Beit She'an valley.

The Latin inscription was found two kilometres south of the site where a rare bronze head of Hadrian was found less than two years ago by an American tourist using a mine detector.

The inscription, measuring six metres long and 1.20 metres high, may have been part of a triumphal arch, according to Gideon Foerster, district archaeologist for the North. He said last night it was probably erected on the occasion of Hadrian's visit to this part of the Roman Empire in 131 C.E.

The anti-Jewish edicts he issued while in Jerusalem touched off the revolt led by Bar Kochba the following year. When that revolt was finally suppressed, Hadrian ordered Jerusalem ploughed over and a new city, Aelia Capitolina, built on the site. (Aelia was Hadrian's family name.)

The inscription lay beneath the ancient Roman way from Beit She'an to Jericho not far from a Roman Legion camp where remains have been uncovered. Foerster said the inscription listed Hadrian's titles and mentioned his father, Trajan.

The stones had been reused in Byzantine times, some three centuries later, for graves. They were found to the course of building the foundations for a small field shed.

Paz stations close in protest

By YITZHAK OKED, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Nearly all 150 Paz service stations closed at 6 p.m. yesterday until 6 this morning to protest against the terms of the franchise agreement between station operators and the Paz management.

The Paz station operators are demanding that the terms of their contracts with the oil company be improved. They stress that they invested considerable sums in the key-mechanics of the stations and that they also contribute by obtaining licences, but that the Paz company dictates terms.

Paz spokesman Arye Bar-Gur told the Jerusalem Post that 120 out of 150 Paz stations were set up by the company alone. The remaining 30 stations involve joint investments between the company and the operators.

Paz is always willing to negotiate with the operators on matters which concern the operating of the stations, Bar-Gur said. But the company will not agree to negotiate matters that concern its properties and investments.

According to a decision taken last week at a general meeting of all the members of the Association of Agents and Service Station Owners, the second step will be another 12-hour strike of all the service stations in the country and then a 24-hour strike. The Association picked on Paz first because it represents more than half of all the service stations in the country.

It was also learned that the Government Fuel Authority will most likely issue back-to-work orders to the service station operators if they decide to go on an all-out strike.

THIS WEEK

Lotto Draw 05/77
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IL1,000,000
(including carry-over)
All other prizes increased.
TODAY is the last day for heading in Lotto entries.
Subject to rescheduling.

Rabinowitz wants travel tax discounts changed

Post Economics Reporter

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz asked the Knesset Finance Committee to approve changes in travel tax exemptions.

At present citizens or inhabitants of the administered areas who live abroad and return for a visit are exempt from travel tax when they depart, on condition that they stay here for less than four months.

Rabinowitz now proposes that this exemption apply only in those cases when the return ticket is bought in foreign currency. If the ticket is bought in pounds, he proposes that the exemption include only the fixed tax (IL1,000) but not the 15 per cent tax on the value of the ticket.

The Finance Minister also proposes that a citizen travelling abroad to visit a relative on his deathbed will receive a total exemption and not a IL400 exemption as at present. Also, soldiers with parents abroad will receive full exemption when travelling to visit their parents, according to the regulation.

The Finance Committee draft is expected to approve these regulations without opposition.

Harkabi becomes Rabin intelligence adviser tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prof. Yehoshafat Harkabi will become an adviser on intelligence to the Prime Minister, commencing tomorrow (February 1). Yitzhak Rabin told the Cabinet at its weekly session yesterday. Harkabi, who holds the reserve rank of aluf (major general), is a former IDF intelligence chief who teaches international relations at The Hebrew University.

Harkabi gives up his post as adviser to the Defence Minister on strategic policy on the same day. He quits this post with Shimon Peres' agreement, Rabin said.

When Harkabi's appointment to advise Rabin was first made known in October, it was said that he was Rabin's third choice for the post. It was also said that Harkabi agreed to work with Rabin on condition he could keep his one-day-a-week job with Peres. However, observers were doubtful at the time whether Harkabi could bridge the rivalries and serve the two masters.

The new post of intelligence adviser was recommended by the Agranat Committee after the Yom Kippur War.

A GROUP of 111 immigrants from the USSR arrived yesterday at Ben-Gurion Airport. The immigrants are from Georgia, Serbia and Russia.

Improvements in Tel Aviv-Holon Bus Service

Egged and Dan are pleased to notify the public of improvements in bus services between Tel Aviv and Holon.

From Sunday, January 30, 1977, Bus No. 1 from North Tel Aviv to Kiryat Sharet in Holon, and Bus No. 2 from North Tel Aviv to the Holon Cemetery will follow the routes below (in both directions):

Bus No. 1 from Tel Aviv

Reading Parking Lot in North Tel Aviv — Rehov Hataarucha — Rehov Dizengoff — Kikar Dizengoff — Rehov Pinsker — Rehov Trumpeldor — Rehov Ben Yehuda — Allenby Road — Rehov Ha'aliya — Derech Salame — Rehov Herzl — Rehov Greenbaum — Rehov Ha'agaz — Rehov 382 — Rehov Ha'afarek — Rehov Tel Ghorim — Holon Licensing Office — Rehov Haholamim — Kikar Kugel — Sderot Kugel — Rehov Sokolov — Rehov Shenkar — Rehov Hahistadrut — Rehov Sharet — Rehov Shestet Hayamin — Rehov Ramat Hagolan — Rehov Mizrahi Shlomo.

Bus No. 1 from Holon

Holon Mizrahi Shlomo (near public garden) — Rehov Har Hatzofim — Rehov Shmar Ha'aravot — Rehov Ramat Hagolan — Rehov Shestet Hayamin — Rehov Sharet — Rehov Hahistadrut — Rehov Shenkar — Rehov Sokolov — Sderot Kugel — Rehov Haholamim — Holon Licensing Office — Rehov Tel Ghorim — Rehov Ha'afarek — Rehov 382 — Rehov Haholamim — Rehov Greenbaum — Rehov Herzl — Rehov Kallischer — Rehov Gruzenberg — Allenby Road — Rehov Pinsker — Kikar Dizengoff — Rehov Reines — Rehov Adam Hachoen — Rehov Arba Aratzot — Rehov Jabotinski — Rehov Sokolov — Rehov Yishayahu — Rehov Yermiyahu — Rehov Hataarucha — Reading Parking Lot.

Bus No. 2 from Tel Aviv

Reading Parking Lot — Rehov Hataarucha — Rehov Dizengoff — Kikar Dizengoff — Rehov Pinsker — Rehov Trumpeldor — Rehov Ben Yehuda — Allenby Road — Rehov Ha'aliya — Derech Salame — Rehov Herzl — Rehov Greenbaum — Rehov Ha'agaz — Rehov 382 — Rehov Ha'afarek — Rehov Tel Ghorim — Holon Licensing Office — Rehov Haholamim — Rehov Hahistadrut — Rehov Hahayit 5 — Rehov Hahabanim — Rehov Hahatimim — Rehov Eliat — Rehov Hatanan'im — Rehov Harav Maimon — Rehov Anna Frank — Cemetery.

Bus No. 2 from Holon

Cemetery — Rehov Anna Frank — Rehov Harav Maimon — Rehov Hatanan'im — Rehov Eliat — Rehov Hahatimim — Rehov Hahabanim — Rehov Yazit 5 — Rehov Hahistadrut — Rehov Hahayit 5 — Rehov Herzl — Rehov Kallischer — Rehov Gruzenberg — Allenby Road — Rehov Pinsker — Kikar Dizengoff — Rehov Reines — Rehov Adam Hachoen — Rehov Arba Aratzot — Rehov Jabotinski — Rehov Sokolov — Rehov Yishayahu — Rehov Yermiyahu — Rehov Hataarucha — Reading Parking Lot.

These routes will operate from 5.15 a.m. till midnight. Frequency: about every 10 minutes.

On the above routes, the average fare is IL2.20; the fare on Egged routes \$9, 92 has been reduced.

The previous fare of IL2.20 for the Tel Aviv — Holon journey has been reduced to IL2., effective January 30, 1977.

Multiple-journey tickets for IL2.20 may be changed at cash windows 1 and 2 at Tel Aviv Central Bus Station, every day, 5.00 a.m.-7.30 p.m.

On routes on which the new fare is higher than the old fare, passengers may use old multiple-journey tickets without paying the extra, until February 5, 1977.

Egged and Dan Managements

Cold puts half million out of work Carter declares winter emergency

WASHINGTON. — As Arctic weather conditions continued to chill much of North America, President Carter yesterday declared the States of New York and Pennsylvania disaster areas, making them eligible for low-interest loans to business and local government, as well as emergency medical aid.

An estimated half million people across 11 states have been put out of work by America's coldest temperatures of the century, as blizzards have caused factories and schools to be shut to conserve fast depleting fuel supplies.

Carter and his Cabinet held an emergency meeting on Saturday on the weather. He announced afterward that he may urge factories to go on a four-day, 10-hour work week to save fuel.

The President added that he might ask Congress to approve such a proposal as part of the legislative package he submitted this week to deal with the weather and energy crisis.

Carter said the "Sunshine State" of Florida — the southeastern-most state in the U.S. — would get emergency aid starting today because of the weather-inflicted crop losses there.

Presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell said White House energy adviser James Schlesinger has found there is "a significant amount of fuel," particularly natural gas, that could take care of the immediate emergency if Congress quickly passes the legislation Carter proposes.

He did not explain what kind of fuel was involved or where it was.

The freezing weather that hit much of the eastern half of the U.S. during the early morning hours on Saturday followed a blizzard that dumped as much as 30 cms of snow on the northeast, closing airports, roads, factories, businesses and places of entertainment.

At least 36 weather-related deaths in eight states have been recorded in the recent harsh weather.

New York Governor Hugh Carey ordered more than 1,300 schools in the state — beset by increasingly scarce natural gas — to stay closed all this week.

In neighbouring New Jersey, Governor Brendan Byrne, invoking wartime law, ordered citizens to keep their home thermostats at a maximum of 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

Mondale in Japan

TOKYO. — U.S. Vice-President Walter Mondale flew halfway around the world to Tokyo yesterday and greeted America's wartime enemy by saying that close ties with Japan were a cornerstone of President Carter's foreign policy.

Japan was the final stop on his 10-day overseas tour which included talks in Brussels, Bonn, Rome, London and Paris aimed at establishing close consultations with America's key allies.

EEC to discuss human rights in East Europe

LONDON. — With unrest growing in the Soviet bloc, foreign ministers from the major West European countries meet here today to see how they can work with the U.S. to bring more freedom to Eastern Europe.

Security was tight at London's Lancaster House, as ministers of the nine European Common Market nations gathered for a two-day meeting on political cooperation. The state of terrorist bombings in London early on Saturday morning added to the security consciousness normally associated with such a conference.

(15 Centigrade) during the day and 60F (16C) at night.

Governor James Rhodes of Ohio, one of the midwestern states most affected by the bad weather, recognized the limits of government power on Saturday when he led an appeal to God in a prayer service at the Statehouse in Columbus.

National Guard troops were on duty in several states to rescue stranded drivers and people isolated in rural areas.

The coldest place in the continental U.S. on Saturday was Bradford, Pennsylvania, where it was 25 degrees F below zero (-32C).

An Army Engineer Corps spokesman said on Saturday that at least 30 towboats each pushing 10 to 12 barges loaded with heating oil, gasoline, salt for highways, grain and other commodities — are waiting below the dams on the frozen Ohio River where the river separates Kentucky from Illinois.

He said about half are carrying some type of fuel, and they will have priority when the water level is high enough to resume loading.

At the same time, a group of National Guard soldiers tried to rescue 200 travellers who were stranded by a blizzard in Toledo, Ohio. But the people didn't want to be saved, they were having too much fun in the motel where they had taken refuge. (Reuters/AF)



Spanish Civil Guard officers in Madrid saluting as the coffins of three of their number, slain by leftists, are taken out for burial. At the scene some 2,000 rightists hurled insults at government ministers and demanded stronger action against the mounting civil violence. (AP radiophoto)

Suarez: current unrest won't stop elections

MADRID. — Premier Adolfo Suarez said on Saturday that Spain will hold its first parliamentary elections in nearly four decades later this year despite the current wave of political violence and unrest.

The Premier, under fire from both rightists and leftists as he attempts to introduce democratic reforms in Spain following almost 40 years of one-man rule by the late General Francisco Franco, said the elections would take place before June.

Speaking to a nationwide radio and television audience, Suarez called the current unrest an attempt to annul a December 15 referendum that had approved elections by a vote of more than 90 per cent.

At least 11 people have died during the latest wave of political violence. Police sources said 60 leftists were arrested in Madrid on Saturday and another 150 leftists had been rounded up for questioning nationwide following the latest incident — the shooting of three policemen in the Spanish capital on Friday.

Extreme left-wing parties protested yesterday against the mass arrests. And from the far right, the Suarez government was criticised for not being tough enough.

Some military men joined rightists on Saturday shouting anti-government slogans at the funeral of three murdered members of the security forces.

The right-wingers insulted government ministers — calling them "traitors" and "Masons" — and shouted "death to (Communist Chief Santiago) Carrillo."

Vice Premier for Defence Gen. Manuel Gutierrez Mellado ordered the servicemen present to be silent, but he was answered by the shout of a navy officer "discipline is one thing, honour is another." (AP, UPI)

Dobrynin to Vance: Drop Sakharov

WASHINGTON. — Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin has told the Carter Administration that the Kremlin is bound to reject U.S. support of dissident Andrei Sakharov as an unwarranted intrusion into Soviet internal affairs.

Dobrynin registered his complaint in a telephone call to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance shortly after the State Department on Thursday spoke out in behalf of the nuclear physicist, who is Russia's leading dissident. The Department cautioned against attempts "to intimidate" or silence Sakharov.

The exchange is the first sign of irritation between the Carter Administration and the Soviet Union. Dobrynin, in effect, appeared to be cautioning the Carter Administration that taking up the dissidents' cause may jeopardize prospects for expanded U.S.-Soviet relations. Vance is planning to visit the USSR in March to launch new negotiations on the stalled nuclear strategic arms limitation talks (SALT).

The State Department, through a spokesman, acknowledged that Dobrynin had telephoned Vance. But it declined to say whether Dobrynin had made "a complaint or a protest." There was no comment from the Soviet Embassy.

Czech dissidents still hounded

VIENNA. — Czechoslovak communist authorities have continued harassment of prominent dissident intellectuals; but the danger of the liberals' enforced deportation to the West seems to be over for the moment, dissident sources said yesterday.

They said two prominent signers of the Charter 77 manifesto were summoned for today in the prosecutor's office. Former Foreign Minister Jiri Hajek and philosopher Jan Patocka expect to receive a stiff warning to end their pro-liberalization activities, the sources said.

But they said it seems that authorities do not plan to deport leading dissidents to Austria or any other Western country.

They cited Radio Prague, which said on Saturday night: "Czechoslovak authorities never planned to deport any dissident. Our ambassador in Vienna informed Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky that his offer for political asylum to dissidents was in contradiction with the Helsinki documents on human rights."

(Kreisky had said Austria would grant asylum to dissidents only if they themselves desire it.) Last Friday, six leading intellectuals rejected an offer by the Czechoslovak authorities to leave the country voluntarily. The six were among 300 signers of the "Charter 77" manifesto of human rights, which was published in Western newspapers January 6.

Six further signatories are under arrest, pending trial. (UPI)

IRA bomb blitz spreads to N. Ireland

BELFAST. — About 30 bombs and incendiary devices were discovered on Saturday in shops in five Northern Ireland towns, authorities said. One of the devices exploded, injuring a three-year-old boy. He was hospitalized after being cut by flying glass, police said.

Police said they believed the bombs were linked to those that blasted central London earlier in the day.

Security officials said the IRA was apparently commemorating the fifth anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," January 30, 1972, when 13 Roman Catholics were shot dead by British soldiers in Londonderry during a civil-rights demonstration.

In London meanwhile, where a telephone caller told a newspaper that the Irish Republican Army was responsible for the London bombs, police fear they are in for a new IRA terror campaign. They believe a new IRA "active service unit" planted the 13 bombs in central London's Oxford Street which went off in a rapid-fire chain early Saturday morning, police sources said.

"Be careful on Monday morning," John Wilson, Scotland Yard's Assistant Commissioner said yesterday. He urged shopkeepers to take police escorts along today, when they open premises closed since Friday.

The bombs — most of them incendiary devices — injured no one. But they caused considerable damage when they went off in the early morning hours in department stores, employment offices, a travel agency and other stores and offices.

Oxford and Regent streets, two of Europe's busiest shopping thoroughfares, were cordoned off for most of Saturday at a cost put at more than £1m. In lost sales. (AP, UPI)

Alleged Israel spy on trial in Cairo

CAIRO. — The trial of Alawi Hussein Hijazi, who is charged with spying for Israel, began in a military court here on Saturday. According to the Cairo daily "Al-Ahram," Hijazi was recruited by the Israeli authorities in El Arish in 1974, when he applied for a permit to visit Cairo. He was arrested in November of last year.

WORLD SCENE

Brezhnev waits for Carter

AS VICE-PRESIDENT Walter Mondale rounds off his tour of America's allies, which he began just after Jimmy Carter was inaugurated as the 38th U.S. President, Leonid Brezhnev waits in the Kremlin for the unfolding of future Soviet relations with the new U.S. Administration.

Type of Brezhnev's new U.S. are the unknown quantities of Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and President Carter. The third we discussed last week: coping with discontent in Eastern Europe. If Brezhnev is to concentrate on dealing with his satellites, he must improve his relations with post-Mao China and with the new team in the White House.

So far Peking says it firmly adheres "to Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and policies in foreign affairs." Moscow's initial optimism for improved relations after the Great Helmsman joined his ancestors has yet to bear fruit.

Thus, the main diplomatic offensive from Moscow will be directed at Carter. The leaders have yet to meet, but they have been talking at each other for months. Brezhnev has been restrained and the message he has conveyed is that he will wait until Carter settles down.

When John Kennedy took office in 1961 he was quickly engaged by Nikita Khrushchev over Berlin and Cuba. It's highly unlikely that Brezhnev will deal in like fashion with Carter, but the tone recently from Moscow suggests getting down to political business as soon as possible.

This was evident when Brezhnev on January 18, two days before Carter was inaugurated, stressed as he had done previously the need to conclude a new strategic arms agreement before the expiry of the interim agreement in October. He insisted that once this was done, "then we could immediately pass on to talks on more far-reaching measures."

THERE ARE HALF a dozen crucial areas on which Washington and Moscow have yet to agree. Carter was cautious in his inaugural address but he was not on one point: progress towards nuclear disarmament this year. It follows that this is the major problem between the two superpowers. The issues facing them can be summed as follows: Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT).

This is the main unfinished business that Carter inherited from Ford. The new President has already said he hopes to meet Brezhnev "probably before September." The date is important because SALT-I, made in 1972, expires in October.

The two obstacles here are the U.S. long-range, low-flying, piggyback cruise missile known as the Tomahawk, and the Soviet Backfire bomber. The Russians want limits on the missile, while the Americans say the Backfire does not have a limited range as the Soviets claim and could strike at America — and so should be included in the Soviet limit of 2,400 weapons. It is still premature to guess on what terms Carter and Brezhnev would settle. It may be recalled that Kissinger himself almost reached an agreement, but it eventually eluded him.

European troop reductions

The Nato view is that the Soviets must make bigger withdrawals from the West, because the Warsaw Pact forces are much larger. Talks on this point have dragged on in Vienna but Moscow has recently indicated it is prepared to discuss the matter bilaterally with the two countries which matter the most on this issue, the U.S. and West Germany. The major problem is that Carter most likely will go along with Nato's view.

Human rights: This question is bothersome to Brezhnev, especially in view of the unease in Eastern Europe. Brezhnev realizes that he cannot divert funds

Widened call-up could cripple Rhodesia

By ROBIN WRIGHT, The Washington Post

SALISBURY. — The dramatic decision on Thursday by the Rhodesian government to call up men between 38 and 50 for military service and restrict exemptions could be the decisive factor in determining whether the troubled southern African territory is able to survive.

While the call-up is designed to strengthen the government's campaign against growing guerrilla forces, there is growing concern in the capital that the call-up, which will affect many prominent figures in commerce and industry, will be the final crippling blow to the already troubled economy. There is also great concern that the call-ups will lead to further white emigration, again draining manpower. The move affects whites, Asians and coloured (mixed race) males. Blacks, who make up 66 per cent of the army and 75 per cent of the police, are all volunteers.

Business leaders made two last-ditch appeals to defence minister Reg Cooper this week to review the decision because of the inevitable drain on skilled manpower. The economy has already been

gravely affected by the call-up of 18-to-35-year-olds, resulting in manpower loss that has cost businesses several million dollars in lost output, local merchants, bankers and manufacturers claim.

One agricultural machine has lost over \$400,000 in the past because 120 of its technicians and managers — 80 per cent of its staff — have been on reserve of police call-up.

A branch of Barclays Bank Salisbury has lost 15 to 20 white officials to current call-ups. And firms are already attempting to do less than half of the required manpower.

The call-up of the last eligible men is designed to strengthen the army and police to contain the guerrilla war. Diminishing the ranks of the rapidly escalating guerrilla war, in turn, the government hopes, allow time to establish a rule through negotiations moderate Africans, and Rhodesia's international power by showing its strength against black forces.

Kuwait facing 'austerity'

KUWAIT. — Faced with a decline in oil revenues, the Kuwaiti government is considering the introduction of austerity measures, the newspaper "Kuwait Times" said yesterday.

"If the austerity measures are implemented, it would be for the first time in Kuwait's history," the newspaper said.

Kuwait oil production dropped by about 40 per cent in January. The drop was attributed mainly to the split in prices among the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec). While Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates raised prices by five per cent in January, Kuwait and most other Opec members introduced a 10-per-cent increase and decided on adding another five per cent next July.

'Half of Soviet Jews would leave'

COPENHAGEN. — About the two million Jews living in the USSR today would apply for visas if they did not face the immediate threat of losing their jobs, a former Soviet Zionist told a Danish newspaper yesterday.

Lazar Lubarsky, 50 — spent in communications in the Soviet Union before his arrest in 1972 — spent four years in a Ukrainian labour camp before he was released given an exit visa last July.

He told a conference arranged by the Jewish community in Israel that he was sentenced four years in prison for "guilt" of the Kremlin. He had been an offer of authorities to release him if he pleaded guilty. Lubarsky arrived in Israel on December 17. (UPI)

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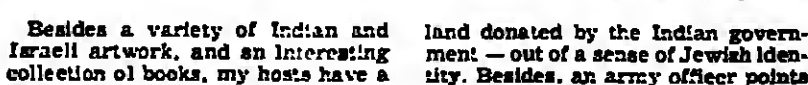
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The nub at Nabatiya

IT IS NO SECRET that Syrian military moves in Lebanon over the past several months have not been coming as a surprise to the two major interested non-Arab parties — Israel, which is most directly concerned, and the U.S., which has assumed the role of intermediary in Lebanon. Decisions taken by Damascus affecting Beirut have thus borne the stamp of prior approval by Jerusalem and Washington.

The focus of Israel's attention was, naturally enough, the situation in the southern part of Lebanon. The interest was essentially twofold: first, that the terrorists should not be allowed to regain use of the border area for staging their murder operations within Israel territory; secondly, that Syrian troops, under whatever guise — and for whatever reason, or pretext — should not occupy southern Lebanon and thus extend the frontier of confrontation with Israel all the way to the Mediterranean.

On the surface, these twin interests need not be uniformly easy to reconcile, as the Syrians have pointed out from time to time. Israel acquiesced in a Syrian presence west of the Syrian border because it was largely aimed against the subversive activities of the terrorists. But an effective suppression of terrorism — say, by disarming the Palestinian gangs — might seem to require the entry of Syrian soldiers into areas harried by Israel.

Yet, as Israel was quick to retort, the contradiction was more apparent than real. For surely it was not beyond Syrian capacity to reorganize Lebanon's army — or an adequate part of it, at least — so that it could take over peace-keeping functions in the southern section of the country. That way, the so-called Arab deterrent force could remain uninvolved, and the Syrians, who in effect constitute that force, would not need to cross, or even to approach, the "red line" roughly drawn between the sea and the Syrian border.

The logic of the Israel position may not have been expressly recognized by the Syrians, but it was tacitly accepted by them. In any case, every significant Syrian move southward has first been communicated to Jerusalem, via Washington, so that its intent should not be misunderstood.

Until last week, that is, when a battalion of Syrian troops slowly established itself around and inside the town of Nabatiya, which, though north of the Litani river, is right on the "red line."

This move was unilateral and unagreed, and therefore stood utterly condemned in Israel eyes, as statements at the cabinet meeting yesterday made abundantly clear. Even assuming that the Syrian units arrived in Nabatiya to pacify the town, and to discipline the terrorists, their quick withdrawal would still be imperative.

Some commentators have suggested that Syria's purpose in making this move was to test the firmness of Israel's — and, no less important, America's — resolve. This can hardly be proved, although the time might indeed seem propitious — the eve of elections in Israel, an administrative change-over in the U.S. But even if this were not the original intent, it may turn out to be the result.

It is out of the question, therefore, that Israel will resign itself to the fait accompli created by the Syrians. This has no doubt been conveyed in the plainest terms to Damascus, and Washington, while even-handedly recommending patience to both sides, is reported to have strongly backed Israel's stand in diplomatic contacts.

Israel leaders have in fact carefully avoided a tone of bluster in this most recent mini-crisis. They plainly hope that it can be peacefully resolved, without too much ado, and in a reasonably short time. Their hope should not be disappointed.

Abortion politics

WERE THIS a normal political year it would be standard procedure for the Alignment and the Likud to contemplate negotiating for NRP support for their opposing stands on the budget in return for abandonment of the Abortion Bill.

The bill, which resulted from a pragmatic compromise between opposing principles concerning the emotion-laden issue of abortion, passed its second reading in the Knesset last week. The third and final reading, under which the bill becomes law, was postponed for technical reasons until this week.

Since last Tuesday, however, there have been insistent reports of feelers sent out to the NRP by both the Alignment and the Likud offering to shelve the bill, even at this late stage, in return for its support on the budget.

Finance Minister Rabinowitz finds himself without the customary majority to guarantee passage of his new budget even on the first reading. The Likud has tabled an alternative budget as an election year ploy and would like NRP support for it. This, the Likud hopes, should also serve to cement relations and ease the way to an eventual Likud-NRP coalition government following the May elections.

There is perhaps no reason to fault the NRP in view of its opposition in principle to any form of abortion. But for the major parties, these feelers are reprehensible, for the majority of their members support the bill.

Moreover, the attempt to block the bill is politically unwise. The estimate of 60,000 abortions performed annually means that the problem sits heavily on the hearts of hundreds of thousands of women and of many men who are concerned for their physical health, their emotional peace of mind and the welfare of their families.

The parties should be reminded that it would constitute political dynamite to trifle with the expectations of these voters. The debate on the early stages of the bill has led them to hope for a dignified solution to a human problem which has all too long been ignored by all the parties.

A group of Anglican clergymen and The Post's DAVID KRIVINE this month have offered differing views on the eviction of Arab families from the Old City's Jewish Quarter. The exchange started on January 7, when the clergymen,

including The Very Rev. G. CLIVE HANDFORD, had a letter published in "The Times" of London, to which Krivine replied on this page January 17. Another letter by the clergymen, and Krivine's response, appear below.

Question of the law...

THE article by Mr. David Krivine "The case of the hole in the wall" ("Jerusalem Post", Sunday January 18, 1977) clearly calls for a reply.

We have checked the facts on which our letter to the London "Times" was based and which Mr. Krivine challenges. "The hole in the wall" that Mr. Krivine saw was not "the home that Omar Arabi Omar had been compelled to vacate," but all that remained of it after the demolition team had done their work. It was not a cellar, but a ground floor room which was not demolished because it supported the room above, occupied by the Reconstruction Company. "The homes of the other two families were totally destroyed."

By way of compensation, before the eviction Mohammad Abd al-Haq was offered a new apartment free of charge. Omar Arabi Omar was offered one at half price. Some ten days after the eviction he was offered a free apartment. No offer of an apartment on any terms has been made to the widow, Na'amat al-Moghrabi, and none of them has been offered cash instead of a flat.

Mr. Krivine affirms that the full legal process was followed before the evictions took place. Our letter did not suggest that they were not. We would point out, however, that this of itself does not necessarily mean that all human rights are safeguarded. There are other countries where injustices are perpetrated with the support of the

law of the land. What we question is not the application of the law, but the law itself.

Yet another disturbing factor in this episode, as in other recent evictions, is that the property involved was not private property. Mr. Krivine states that no "Moslem religious mosque property" is being touched. In fact, these homes were Moghrabi religious *wakf*, and the expropriation of these properties signifies the virtual extinction of the *wakf*.

The area expropriated for reconstruction as the Jewish Quarter is clearly larger than the Quarter was on any reckoning at the time of the war of 1948. It goes beyond the traditional boundaries and encroaches upon both the Armenian and Moslem Quarters. In the past, the various quarters were never inhabited solely by persons from one community. We would echo the plea of the distinguished writers of the letter appealing against evictions in *The Jerusalem Post* of January 19. The continued presence of a mixed population in each of the quarters of the Old City will be a positive factor in bringing about that peaceful co-existence between all communities, which we hope will be a permanent feature of Jerusalem in the future, no matter what form an eventual peace settlement may take.

There is another aspect of this case which must be mentioned. In our letter to "The Times," we could be taken to imply that the situation in Bethnal Green or Croydon is analogous to that in East Jerusalem.

It is not. No one disputes that Bethnal Green and Croydon are in England. The annexation of East Jerusalem by Israel has not been recognized by any of the major powers or indeed most of the nations of the world. The United Nations, through the General Assembly and the Security Council, has persistently made this clear. Mr. William Scranton, when permanent delegate of the U.S., for example, firmly re-iterated the position of his government in his speech to the Security Council on March 24, 1976. This has obvious implications for the legal aspects referred to in our fourth paragraph, as well as for other current Israeli activities. There is a clear contravention of both the letter and the spirit of the Geneva Convention, which the Government of Israel readily signed, but constantly and flagrantly flouts.

May we say in conclusion that our action is not motivated solely by concern for the Arab inhabitants of this land. We are equally concerned for Israeli Jews. We write in solidarity with many in all communities whose great hope it is that a way may be found for all the inhabitants of this land to live together in true peace and harmony. For this to happen, we are convinced that a change in the present policies of the Government of Israel is essential.

Yours faithfully,
(The Very Revd.) G. C. HANDFORD
(The Revd. Canon) E. EVERETT
(Mrs. EDWARD EVERETT)
(The Revd.) C. M. ROGERS

...or a political act

By DAVID KRIVINE

Dean Handford's letter compels me to give additional details, which I did not want to burden the readers with in my article.

He maintains that Omar Arabi's one-room premises is "all that remained after the demolition team had done their work." What in fact did they demolish?

In the diminutive courtyard outside Omar Arabi's dwelling, shared by six families, there existed an outhouse. About six feet by nine, it belonged to one of the neighbouring flats.

When the neighbouring flat was vacated under the re-housing plan, the Israeli reconstruction company allowed Omar Arabi's family to use the outhouse as a kitchen (though it possessed no tap or sink) during the intervening period, until their turn came to leave.

After they left, the outhouse was demolished, also a kind of partition wall in the yard. Nothing else was touched.

Mr. Handford would in all conscience take a look at the site, which he says is not a cellar, but a "ground-floor room." The inner wall is soaked with dampness. In its place, the occupants have been offered a four-room apartment, plus fully-equipped kitchen and bathroom, complete with central heating, a central gas-supply system, and a central antenna for television.

To put Omar Arabi with his nine or ten children (and his wife is expecting again) back into the hovel they were occupying for the last decade would be an act of barbarism. To deplore their eviction is politics, it has nothing to do with human rights.

As to the compensation proposed, the Dean admits that "Abd al-Haq was offered a new apartment free of charge," which is already a long throw from his statement in "The Times" that the evicted families were charged "a price beyond their means."

Omar Arabi at first was offered a rented flat inside the Old City. The authorities would pay all the key-money. This is the source of Mr. Handford's observation that "he was offered a flat at half-price." The "half-price" refers presumably to the fact that key-money is half as much as purchase price. Omar Arabi did not own his one-room dwelling either. It was rented from the *wakf*, as Mr. Handford himself points out.

The intention was to give Omar Arabi the opportunity of staying in the Old City. He refused, as he was perfectly entitled to. So he was offered a flat in full ownership in East Jerusalem, but outside the Old City.

"No offer of an apartment on any terms has been made to the widow,

Na'amat al-Moghrabi." The truth is, she refuses to talk, she does not answer letters, she ignores all invitations to meet.

It must be remembered that these people are under tremendous political pressure. Once the dust settles, they generally start bargaining. Mrs. al-Moghrabi can get a flat free of charge, whenever she decides to sign on the dotted line.

"None of them has been offered cash." This is not true, as any one who knows the law and practice in Israel will testify. But why argue about it? They can sell the new flat and recoup cash that way, if they want to. They could not do the same in the Old City, because they were tenants. What they are offered is ownership.

Mr. Handford questions "not the application of the law, but the law itself." The law is concerned with slum clearance, nothing else. As it happens, a recently evicted Arab tenant is suing in court, with the aid of a Jewish lawyer, for the right to buy one of the new flats (put up at a subsidised price by the company). His case is strong, precisely because there is no law in Israel limiting house purchases in the Jewish Quarter to Jews.

"The expropriation of these properties signifies the virtual extinction of this *wakf*." I would say the *wakf* should give thanks, for being forced out of its surely unwelcome role in this area as a slum landlord.

"The new Jewish Quarter is larger than the old pre-1948 area." Well, is it? There were no fixed or charted boundaries between the quarters before. Jewish families who lived outside the Jewish Quarter, now do so no longer. (They are not accepted there anyway — the ethnic segregation works both ways.)

The area of the present Jewish Quarter is less than 30 acres — equal to a medium-sized house-together-with-grounds, as commonly advertised in the English magazine "Country Life." The Old City now divides as follows:

Moslem Quarter 73.5 acres
Christian Quarter 42.5 acres
Jewish Quarter 28 acres
Armenian Quarter 24 acres
Temple Mount (Arab-controlled) 33.5 acres
Western Wall (Jewish-controlled) 5 acres
207.5 acres

Finally — and here is the rub: "The annexation of East Jerusalem by Israel has not been recognized by any of the major powers, or indeed most of the nations in the world."

Well, the "nations of the world" did not hand the State of Israel over to us on a silver platter either. We have fought five wars (so far) to protect our borders. The nations of the world looked on politely.

Recognition of Israel's frontiers will come after we have sat down to negotiate peace terms with the Arab Governments whom the matter concerns.

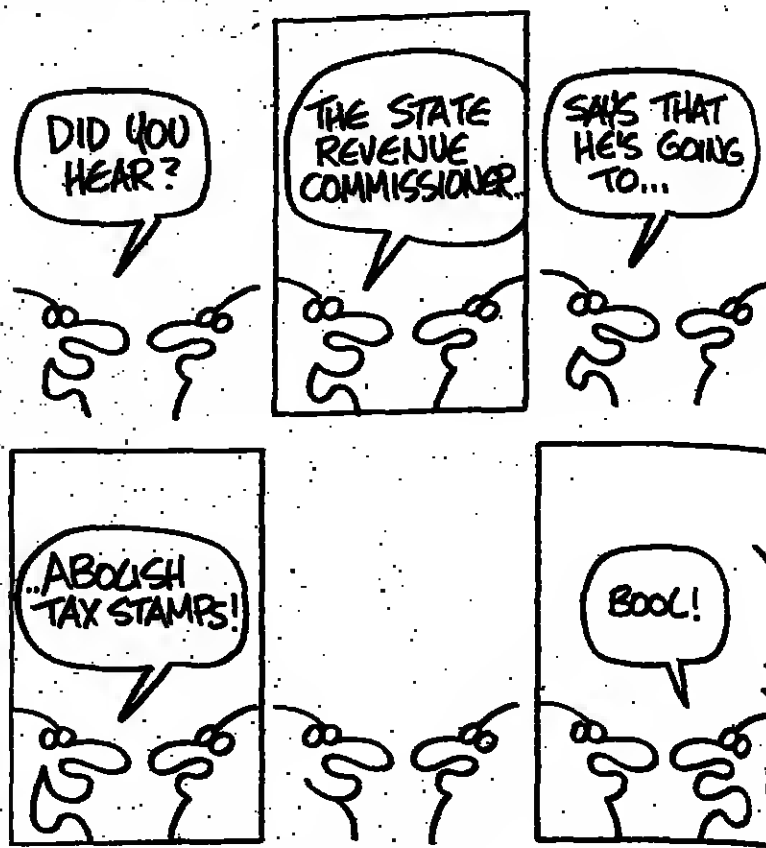
But what has all that to do with the Jewish Quarter in the Old City, which the original Jewish inhabitants must surely be allowed to return to, whoever rules in East Jerusalem?

The answer is, once again, that the attitude of Israel's critics smacks of double thinking. When Abu Daoud is accused of murdering 11 Israelis

sportsmen at the Olympic Games, that is considered a political act, therefore a good thing; so he is liberated and allowed to fly, first class, to Algiers.

When Israel takes Arab slum-dwellers out of their sub-standard homes in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City and re-houses them at its own expense in civilized accommodation elsewhere in East Jerusalem, that is considered a political act, therefore a bad thing; so angry letters are written to the press calling for redress.

Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

ABORTION AND BIRTH CONTROL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*:
Sir — The editorial writer who wrote "The control of birth" (January 24) should have been more careful to hide his undershirt of religious animosity, which to me is identical to *self-hate*, the inward expression of anti-Semitism.

To promote a bill by the statement: "The well-known religious and nationalist arguments against abortion have been rejected..." neither justifies the bill nor does it make abortion less a form of murder. It merely means that the proposed law is deprived of Jewish moral standards and traditional law on the sanctity of life. "De facto contravention of the law" does not change moral facts, nor does it ex-

cuse the editor from treating issue of the point at which life murder begin.
SHIRLEY G. DOI
Jerusalem.

TALES OF HOFFMAN

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*:
Sir — I was appalled that, in TV broadcast of "Tales of Hoffman" (January 17), the final brief, significant scene was omitted: no apologies, no explanation, no mention even by the TV narrator who followed that there been a deletion.
I see in this an unfortunate lack of cultural sensitivity.
LINDA LA
Jerusalem.

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